

VICE ADMIRAL STEVE ABBOT, USN



COMMANDER,
U.S. SIXTH FLEET



COMMANDER,
NAVAL STRIKING AND
SUPPORT FORCES,
SOUTHERN EUROPE



Born in Pensacola, Florida, Vice Admiral Abbot graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1966. Vice Admiral Abbot's graduate studies include Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and the Program for Senior Officials in National Security at Harvard University. Vice Admiral Abbot also completed U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and Naval Nuclear Power training.

After being designated a Naval Aviator in 1972, Vice Admiral Abbot completed A-7E training and squadron assignments with VA 27 on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), VA 46 on board USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67), and as both Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of VA 86, embarked in USS NIMITZ (CVN 68). As a test pilot, Vice Admiral Abbot was assigned to the Strike Test Directorate at Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, and participated in the early flights of the T-34C, TA-7C and F/A-18.

Shipboard assignments include USS HENRY B. WILSON (DDG 7) as a newly commissioned Ensign, Executive Officer of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71),

Commanding Officer of USS CALOOSAHATCHEE (AO 98), and Commanding Officer of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) from June 1990 until August 1992, a period that included Operation DESERT STORM. Vice Admiral Abbot then served as the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group Commander while assigned as Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT, and as Commander, Joint Task Force 120.

Vice Admiral Abbot's staff assignments include Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations for Commander Second Fleet; Director, Aircraft Carrier and Air Station Programs Division (N885) on the OPNAV staff; and Deputy Director for Operations (Current Operations) on the Joint Staff. In July 1995, he reported to duty as Director of Operations, U.S. European Command. Vice Admiral Abbot became Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet, and Commander of NATO's Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe, on July 12, 1996.

Vice Admiral Abbot is married to the former Marjorie Sellars of Cleveland, Ohio. They have three sons -- Spencer, Sebastian and Matthew.